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**Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application**

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Applicant's timely response, 9/17/02, to the prior office action 2/15/02 is acknowledged. Applicant's arguments will be held in abeyance until the application is in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 regarding Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, see attached. The responses filed 9/17/02 and 3/11/02 are not fully responsive to the prior Office action 12/13/01 because of the following matter(s): the specification makes reference to specific polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences; these references must contain a sequence identifier of the form: SEQ ID NO: X, see Figure 2, for example. Note: a sequence identifier relating to sequences in a figure may be present either in the figure or in the Brief Description of the Figures. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicant is given THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter within which to comply with the sequence rules, 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for reply beyond the SIX MONTH statutory period. Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Brannock, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The examiner can also normally be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (703) 308-6564

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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